Saturday after finishing the Civil Courts Bill will be utilized for the Malabar Tenancy Bill. That Committee may sit from day to day and may go on for ten days. All that I say is that the sitting of this Council will terminate on Saturday afternoon."

* Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"I think that more time should be given for the discussion of non-official business. If that is admitted, any time that can be spared by you, Mr. President, might be utilized with advantage for non-official business. Therefore if in addition to to-morrow and Saturday the whole or part of any other day could be allotted for non-official business we would be much obliged "

Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—"On Saturday afternoon after finishing the Madras Civil Courts Bill it will not be possible for many of us to be present here as we shall have to be elsewhere."

* The hon. the President :—"I think it is understood that to-morrow and the day after will be non-official days so as to make room for the Select Committee on the Malabar Tenancy Bill to sit on Saturday afternoon after finishing the Madras Civil Courts Bill in the forenoon of that day. There being no business for the present, the House will now adjourn and re-assemble to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock."

The House accordingly adjourned.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

Appendix I

[Vide answer to question No. 86 asked by Mr. C. Gopala Menon at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 4th February 1925, page 219 supra.]

Annexure.

Summary of recommendations referred to in the answer to clause (a) of question No. 86.

I would suggest a re-examination of the grouping on the following lines :—

(1) all further grouping should be stopped (orders suspending this temporarily have already issued) ;

(2) the Government should reconsider the grouping already effected, as it is clearly wrong to stop further grouping and retain the grouping already effected ;

(3) the pay of village headmen may be reduced in some villages and for the time being to Rs. 12, pending examination of final results ;

(4) where irrespective of economy a particular grouping is advisable and it is inadvisable to adopt the system of combined (triune) officers, it should be retained ;

(5) no grouped area should be so large as to overstep the limitations of village work ;

(6) the revised cost after abolition and stoppage of regrouping should not exceed the actual expenditure incurred in 1923–24 plus jamabandi and travelling allowances ;

(7) the question of abolition of these allowances should be considered ;

(8) the numbers of the menial staff should be limited to administrative requirements ; and

(9) the necessity for paying Rs. 10 to menials in Malabar and South Kanara as against Rs. 8 paid elsewhere should be examined.

Appendix II.

[Vide item III Communications to the Council at page 230 supra.]

As promised by the hon. Sir Arthur Knapp, in the course of the discussions connected with question No. 926 about the Agency Fituri asked by Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 16th October 1924, the following statements are laid on the table :—

Statement No. I.

		Remarks.
Number of persons removed from the Agency under the Madras State Prisoners Regulation of 1819 and the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act of 1839 and detained in Jails or under surveillance.	62	Of these, 60 have been released, and the cases of the remaining two are under consideration.

Statement No. II.

Number of persons prosecuted in Courts—

Transported for life	11
Imprisoned	231
Fined	9
Acquitted	7
Discharged on withdrawal of case	11
Awaiting trial	48 *

Appendix III.

[Vide Order of the day No. VI at page 257 supra.]

Bill No. 3 of 1924.

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES AND LOCAL BOARDS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1921.

To

The Honourable the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
of the GOVERNOR of MADRAS.

We, the members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1921, have the honour to submit the following report.

* Includes 43 rebels concerned in one case.